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## LIGHT LANDINGS AT THIS PORT

### FEW GILL NETTERS AND EIGHT MACKEREL CRAFT ONLY ARRIVALS

Fresh fish receipts here since yesterday reached a new low when but 18,600 pounds were landed, most of which was net mackerel. Only eight gill netters accounted for trips, their total being but 6300 pounds of cod, while one trawler had 600 pounds and eight small mackerel netters scooped 11,700 pounds of mackerel.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Nova Antonia, netting, 1800 lbs. mackerel.

Annie and Josephine, netting, 3400 lbs. mackerel.

Ripple, trawling, 600 lbs. cod.

Nimbus, netting, 1000 lbs. mackerel.

C6487, netting, 1200 lbs. mackerel.

Gertrude E., netting, 1500 lbs. mackerel.

1139-C, netting, 1000 lbs. mackerel.

C321, netting, 500 lbs. mackerel.

Mariner, netting, 1500 lbs. mackerel.

Killarney, via Boston.

#### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Virginia and Joan, 1000 lbs. cod.

Agnes and Myrnie, 1000 lbs. cod.

Enterprise, 1000 lbs. cod.

Nashawena, 1000 lbs. cod.

Liboria C., 1000 lbs. cod.

Phyllis A., 500 lbs. cod.

Edna Fae, 500 lbs. cod.

Myrtle and Gladys, 300 lbs. cod.

#### TIMES FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.

Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1.

Hake, \$1.

Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

##### Splitting Prices.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents.

Haddock, 50 cents.

Hake, 60 cents.

Pollock, 50 cents.

Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

#### Porto Rico Market.

The following market letter from S. Ramirez & Company of San Juan, Porto Rico, for the past week, has been received:

"The arrival of fish stuffs since the last circular of the 17th instant is as follows; steamers San Juan, Jean, and Borinquen from New York, the West Mahwah from California, and the Fagerbro from Newfoundland, have landed fish at ports mentioned, as cited below:

"At San Juan, 695 tierces, one small drum, 149 boxes of cod; 29 tierces pollock and 2302 boxes bloaters. At Ponce, 350 tierces cod. At Mayaguez, 430 tierces cod. At Arroya, 150 tierces cod.

"The above receipts tend toward an over-supplied market while the demand for fish is fair, and the prices have eased off somewhat.

"We quote the following prices: On the usual basis (net ex-wharf duty paid, and for strictly superior quality; large cod, \$21 to \$22 per cask of 448 pounds net; small and medium cod, Labrador to Lunenburg, \$16.50 to \$19.50 per cask; pollock, American, \$20 to \$21 per cask; haddock, \$17 to \$18; hake, \$15 to \$16; split herring, \$5.50 to \$6 per barrel of 200 pounds; bloaters, 90 to 150 count, 70 to 75 cents per box of 18 pounds."

## SMALL FLEET ON HAND AT BOSTON

### FOUR OF SIX ARRIVALS ARE SEINERS WITH SMALL FARES.

A light supply was available this morning at the Boston fish pier for the half day session of trading. Six vessels arrived with fares. Four of them were seiners with 48,000 pounds of fresh mackerel which sold for six cents a pound. Trips ranged from 1000 to 19,000 pounds.

Other receipts totalled only 92,000 pounds of groundfish, 400 pounds of halibut and 18,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Rail receipts yesterday included 137 boxes of halibut and salmon from the west coast.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

William L. Putnam, 10,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 400 halibut.

Gertrude DeCoste, 25,000 haddock, 37,000 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.

C4188, 1000 mackerel.

Hoop-la, 12,000 mackerel.

St. Theresa, 16,000 mackerel.

Santa Maria, 19,000 mackerel.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.;

large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, \$1; cusk, \$1;

lemon sole, 5 cents; black backs, 2 cents; mackerel, 6 cents.

## LANDED FIRST SWORDFISH

To the Provincetown schooner Marise goes the distinction of bringing the year's first catch of swordfish to market. The vessel put in at New York yesterday with four fish, taken off South Shoals. The trip, though small, found a ready market, selling at 45 to 50 cents per pound. Boston will probably get the first direct trip in a week or so, as many schooners are now out on the grounds.

#### N. S. Fishing Notes.

The first mackerel landed in Nova Scotia this season was brought ashore to Indian Harbor by Capt. Donald Cleveland, who returned from drifting on Thursday morning with a catch of 180. On Saturday, Capt. Cleveland had 760 mackerel, Clyde Crooks, of Peggy's landed 19 on Saturday. Capt. Cleveland's catch was purchased by E. E. Shatford and sent to the Halifax market.

Line fish is still in fair supply, some boats getting two and a half quintals in one set. Capt. Covey will change to drifting for mackerel. Capt. Freeman Boutillier after spending two weeks fresh fishing out of Halifax has arrived home.

#### Lobster Notes.

Good weather prevailed at Shag Harbor, N. S., last week for lobster fishing until Saturday when the boats were kept at their moorings. The week's catch was about the same average as the previous week, 85 pounds a boat per day. Although fished during the winter, the section around the Mud Islands appears to yield the best quality of lobsters.

Scarcity of lobsters and the low price will mean a loss to fishermen and their outfitters. Cod fishing does not present an encouraging outlook as the price is low.

A few mackerel have appeared on the market and the price is somewhat higher than in Boston. They are selling for 15 cents and 20 cents per fish.—Halifax Herald.

#### N. S. Dried Fish Market.

No word as to results has yet come in from Lunenburg vessels on the second spring trip beyond the fact that fish are reported plentiful, says the Maritime Merchant.

A good catch is looked for. Definite information as to the number of vessels participating in the present trip is hard to obtain. According to report, some vessels which started out "fresh" fishing this spring are now said to be "salt" fishing. The local estimate is that there are 20 vessels salt fishing this year, which is the same number as last year. Ten years ago, Lunenburg had 100 "salt fish" vessels on the same trip, and in 1912 the number was 136. The tonnage of each at that time was about 25 per cent. below the average of today.

Owing to the recent most excellent fish drying weather, it is expected that a portion of the "early spring" catch will be ready for market this week. This is at least a fortnight earlier than usual.

We are sorry to say that market conditions have not yet improved, and it would appear that low prices will continue. A price of \$3.50 and \$2.50 per quintal was paid for the catch of the summer trip of last year, and the market today does not justify a higher price.

All the West India markets are dull, and particularly Porto Rico. Arrivals of stock are beyond the market requirements, and the news from Newfoundland is that there are still quite large quantities to go forward to Porto Rico. It would seem that considerable less sloop Labrador than usual was sent to Europe this year, and that as a result, Porto Rico has had to absorb an extra supply.

European markets in the past fortnight have shown little change. Oporto is said to be overloaded; in fact, has one of the largest stocks she has ever carried at this season of the year. The Spanish market, however, is in a better condition, but only for a certain grade of fish. The Italian market is stronger, and it looks today as though it might be well cleaned up by the month of July when new fish become available. Some fish suitable for North Brazil are still obtainable in Newfoundland, but North Brazil is advising that she has sufficient stock at the moment. The South Brazil market is stronger and sales can be made in that market if shippers are willing to take a chance on getting their money five or six months hence.

We have no very recent report regarding the season's catch of Iceland and Norway, but London thinks that old stocks are pretty well cleaned up in Iceland, and that the holdings in Norway are in the vicinity of 30,000 quintals. It is expected that supplies of new fish ready in June from Iceland, Norway and the Faroe Islands will be 25 per cent. in excess of last year. It may interest our local readers to know that the Faroe Islands production in 1932 was 30,000 quintals as compared with 75,000 quintals from Lunenburg.

#### Ice Report.

Northwest Newfoundland coast ice and weather report:

Ice and weather reports, Tuesday, May 23.

Bartlett's Hr. and New Ferrole Strong S. W. wind. No ice.

Brig Bay, strong S.W. winds, fair. Ice running down. Straits full of ice.

Flowers Cove and vicinity, S. W. winds. Straits full of ice.

Pt. Amour, wind S. W. Ice close packed vicinity westward. Open eastward.

Cartwright, light N. E. wind. Snowing.

Battle Harbor, strong W. wind. No ice in sight any direction.

Belle Isle, strong W. wind, overcast. Strings broken ice all directions.

Sagona icebound at Brig Bay, Tuesday, May 23, on way north.



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## SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

### DOGFISH PEST ADDS GREATLY TO TROUBLE OF FISHER- MEN.

The dogfish are increasing in number, according to the gill netters, several of which have concluded their season with the advent of the pest, and the absence of cod. The Virginia and Joan, of which Capt. Austin Wonsen is skipper, had considerable aboard this forenoon.

The Gertrude L. Thebaud, Jr., is to be the name of the new 20-foot craft at Capt. "Ben" Pine's wharf, if its very young skipper, John Norris, Jr., has anything to do with it. This forenoon he was busily engaged in scraping down the dory together with his first mate, Gardner Norris. Asked as to what type of fishing in which they were to occupy their time, the skipper tartly answered, "floundering". Incidentally he was getting quite a bit of attention from some old-timers who have commanded many vessels in their day.

Skipper Clayton Morrissey was in port again this morning in the Nimbus, with over 4000 pounds of net mackerel which were caught off Thacher's so they tell Squibs. Capt. "Clay" is much pleased with his craft which he says is certainly living up to expectations.

The crew of the Geraldine and Phyllis of which Capt. Colin Dorey is the skipper, believe that there is a silver lining to every cloud after all, for although bad luck seemed to pursue them for awhile they were lucky enough in the past two trips to stock a total of \$2100 while the crew shared \$57 which is not half bad, in these times.

A cross between a lobster and a crab was brought into the Times' sanctum this morning by "Jim" McLaughlin and Henry Prady, which they obtained from the small mackerel netter 32-C, Capt. Tony Battalino, the latter having caught it in his nets off Thacher's last night. It only measures an inch, is shaped like a football and has more than its share of feet, and a smooth scaly back. Some old salts venture that this is the small shell fish which contains a salve that helps to soothe sores. Mebbe so, and mebbe no. At any rate the fish has been sent to the Birdseye laboratories to see if the chemists there can diagnose the strange marine critter.

Being strictly nautical, Capt. "Ben" Pine insists that his office at the Atlantic Supply Company have a nautical clock and thus the hours or marine periods are tolled by so many bells that are absolutely "Greek" to the landlubber. It sounds like the real thing, though.

It is with deep regret that Squibs notes the passing of Capt. Henry W. Curtis who sailed "out o' Gloucester" for over a half century and only retired from active service a few years ago. He was a fine type of fisherman and had as one of his commands, the Mary F. Curtis, now skippered by Capt. David Keating. The late captain took the Mary F. Curtis to the Cape Shore a quarter of a century ago, and before. He was well known along the waterfront, where he was a daily visitor.

Most of the swordfishing fleet have concluded their changing over, and are expected to get away over the week-end, so that the fleet should be large before another seven days has passed.

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Rumors from Boston-way, indicate that the haddockers are going to wage the same battle that the seiners seem to be successful at. They say that most of the fleet are already agreed to support the measures of their leaders to get a better price and limit the catch, besides raising a fund that will enable them to send capable men to Washington to get aid for the fleet.

### Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—No bait. Ice available. No vessels in port.

Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only. Drifters getting fairly good catches of herring.

Lockeport—Limited quantity of bait.

Lunenburg—No bait. Ice available.

Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.

Queensport—Fresh bait scarce. No vessels in port.

St. Anns—Bait scarce in traps.

Shelburne—Forty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Yarmouth—Four hundred seventy thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty fresh bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Plenty herring and ice at Amherst, Gull Island, Hospital Cape, Grindstone and Point Basse.

### Nova Scotia Fisheries Regulations.

By order-in-council at Ottawa, the fishery regulations for Nova Scotia have been amended by addition of the following paragraph: "Subject to the foregoing regulations the use of dip nets for the capture of gaspereau shall be permissible, provided their operation is restricted to a distance of at least 100 yards away from any square net."

An amendment of the regulations for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island is substitution of the following for a rescinded section: "The export from the province of soft shell, long neck or squirt clams (Mys Arenaria) in a raw material state during the month of May in each year is prohibited."

### Haligonian Sold.

The Haligonian, famous racing and fishing schooner, was sold recently at sheriff's sale at Lunenburg, N. S., for \$5025. The purchasers were Adams & Knickle, Lunenburg. She has been tied up at Lunenburg for two years. She will be made ready for fishing. The Haligonian was built at Shelburne in 1925 for Halifax parties. She went fishing in command of Capt. Moyle Crouse and took part in several schooner races.

There was a claim of \$6500 against her by the Lunenburg Outfitting Co., Ltd., and others.

### Portland News.

The last of the Portland swordfishing fleet, the sch. New Dawn, Capt. Levi Eastman, came off the marine railway at South Portland late yesterday and early next week will leave for Georges. The Alice M. Dougherty II., Capt. Reuben Doughty, iced up at Central Wharf and went to Long Island. Early this morning she will leave for the banks.

### N. S. Pickled Fish.

The pickled fish trade is very quiet, demand being disappointing. As regards large spring mackerel, stocks are excessive for this time of the year and opening prices to the fishermen for new catch are likely to be low. The price continues steady at \$6 ex store; mediums, \$1 less.

No. 1 large grocery herring are quite scarce. The demand is light. New cure will be available about the last of next month.

Alewives are unchanged at \$3.75 ex store.—Maritime Merchant.

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### The Lobster Market.

The lobster fishing season which opened on the eastern shore on the 10th of April has had rather bad weather up to date, and the catch, as a result, is somewhat smaller than last year. Better conditions are expected from now on. The Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island and north shore of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick season opened in some sections on the 1st of May and elsewhere on the 15th of May, but up to the time of writing very little has been done.

Since the opening of the various sections large quantities of live lobsters have been going into the Boston market and the return from these is not now very satisfactory, the price having dropped from \$28 per crate at the opening to \$18 per crate at the present time. There is not much profit in this for the fishermen.

Factories up to now have secured only moderate supplies, but no doubt these will be increased as the weather improves.

The export market is very quiet owing to the uncertainty of the effect of the stabilization fund, which has not yet come into force. The delay at Ottawa is making business very difficult for exporters at the present time, as English buyers are holding back with the hope that they are going to secure more favorable prices. As a result of this stabilization factor, interest in lobsters in buying markets appears to be very indifferent just now.—Maritime Merchant.

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## BIG LOBSTER WEEK AT PIER

More lobsters were received last week than in any week this year. Sales were made at \$14 per crate as compared with a price of \$18 per crate in the corresponding week last year.

### Lobster Notes.

The lobster catch so far along the Tracadie, N. F., coast is fairly good, but fishing conditions have been unfavorable of late when the heavy gales only permitted them to examine their traps three days the last week. At present there is considerable bait, but previously the fishermen had to secure bait from Cape Breton.

The greater quantity of lobsters have been shipped to the United States and on the last shipment the fishermen secured \$8.25 per quintal in addition to the premium of United States funds. Local prices are \$3 for canners and \$4 for markets.

The men are still making poor catches of lobsters at Stony Island, N. S., but cod fishing continues good. Two more fish firms will be in readiness to buy fresh fish in a short time.

The lobster season for Clark's Harbor, N. S., closed yesterday, and will be recorded as the poorest in years. The fish have been unusually scarce. This and low prices will leave even some of the best fishermen in debt. Cod fish is plentiful and a few mackerel were taken last week.